

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently amended) ~~The A~~ shaving cartridge ~~of claim 1~~ comprising:
a blade unit comprising a housing having a front edge and a rear edge; and
one or more shaving blades between the front edge and the rear edge; and
a connecting member pivotally connected to the housing, the housing and connecting
member defining opposing stop surfaces for limiting rotation of the blade unit relative to
the connecting member;
wherein a normal pivot angle is defined by the opposed stop surfaces;
the connecting member having a load-bearing surface arranged and configured to contact
the housing only when the housing is pivoted beyond a limit angle that is greater than the
normal pivot angle, wherein the connecting member includes a pair of arms, each arm
having an associated terminal portion constructed to be received by a recess in the
housing.
3. (Original) The shaving cartridge of claim 2, wherein the normal pivot angle is
defined by opposed stop surfaces defined by the terminal portions and a surface of the
housing.
4. (Original) The shaving cartridge of claim 2, wherein each terminal portion
extends from an end of the corresponding arm, the end forming the load-bearing surface.
5. (Original) The shaving cartridge of claim 2, wherein the connecting member
includes a body, each arm extending from the body at opposite sides of the body.

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6. (Original) The shaving cartridge of claim 5, wherein the connecting member includes an opening extending through the body and positioned between the arms, the opening configured to receive an handle interconnect assembly for connecting the cartridge and a handle.
7. (Currently amended) The shaving cartridge of claim 2 [[1]], wherein the normal pivot angle has a predetermined value greater than about 35 degrees and less than about 45 degrees.
8. (Currently amended) The shaving cartridge of claim 2 [[1]], wherein the normal pivot angle is about 41 degrees.
9. (Currently amended) The shaving cartridge of claim 2 [[1]], wherein the limit angle is greater than about 41 degrees.
10. (Currently amended) The shaving cartridge of claim 2 [[1]], wherein the limit angle is between about 41.5 and 45 degrees.
11. (Currently amended) ~~The A~~ shaving cartridge ~~of claim 1~~ comprising:
a blade unit comprising a housing having a front edge and a rear edge; and
one or more shaving blades between the front edge and the rear edge; and
a connecting member pivotally connected to the housing, the housing and connecting member defining opposing stop surfaces for limiting rotation of the blade unit relative to the connecting member;
wherein a normal pivot angle is defined by the opposed stop surfaces;
the connecting member having a load-bearing surface arranged and configured to contact the housing only when the housing is pivoted beyond a limit angle that is greater than the normal pivot angle, wherein the load-bearing surface is U-shaped.

12. (Currently amended) ~~The A~~ shaving cartridge ~~of claim 1~~ comprising:
a blade unit comprising a housing having a front edge and a rear edge; and
one or more shaving blades between the front edge and the rear edge; and
a connecting member pivotally connected to the housing, the housing and connecting
member defining opposing stop surfaces for limiting rotation of the blade unit relative to
the connecting member;
wherein a normal pivot angle is defined by the opposed stop surfaces;
the connecting member having a load-bearing surface arranged and configured to contact
the housing only when the housing is pivoted beyond a limit angle that is greater than the
normal pivot angle, further comprising a trimming assembly connected to the housing.
13. (Original) The shaving cartridge of claim 12, wherein the trimming assembly includes a trimming blade.
14. (Previously presented) A shaving cartridge comprising:
a blade unit comprising,
a cartridge housing;
one or more blades positioned on the cartridge housing defining a first cutting region; and
a trimming blade connected to the housing and defining a second cutting region spaced from and facing in a direction away from the first cutting region;
and
a connecting member pivotally connected to the cartridge housing, the cartridge housing and connecting member defining opposing stop surfaces for limiting rotation of the blade unit relative to the connecting member during a trimming operation using the trimming blade,
wherein the connecting member includes a pair of arms, each arm having an associated terminal portion constructed to be received by a recess in the housing,
wherein a normal pivot angle is defined by the opposed stop surfaces defined by the terminal portions and a surface of the housing, and

wherein each terminal portion extends from an end of the corresponding arm, the end forming a load-bearing surface (146, 148), the load-bearing surface (146, 148) arranged and configured to contact the housing only when the housing is pivoted beyond a limit angle that is greater than the normal pivot angle.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 14, wherein the normal pivot angle has a predetermined value that is greater than about 35 degrees and less than about 45 degrees.

19. (Previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 14, wherein the normal pivot angle is about 41 degrees.

20. (Previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 14, wherein the limit angle is greater than about 41 degrees.

21. (Previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 14, wherein the limit angle is between about 41.5 and 45 degrees.

22. (Previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 14, wherein the connecting member includes a body, each arm extending from the body at opposite sides of the body.

23. (Original) The shaving cartridge of claim 22, wherein the connecting member includes an opening extending through the body and positioned between the arms, the opening configured to receive a handle interconnect assembly for connecting the cartridge

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and a handle.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Previously presented) The shaving cartridge of claim 14, wherein the blade unit further comprises a guard element formed on the cartridge housing preceding the one or more blades.